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In response to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment mailed on April 8, 2004, the following corrected Amendment to the claims section of applicants' Amendment filed on January 21, 2003, is resubmitted for consideration of the Legal Instruments Examiner and Patent Examiner.

In the Claims

Claim 11: (currently amended) A tension member, comprising a plurality of fiber filaments gathered into a plurality of strands in which the filaments run close together, around which strands there is provided a protective sheath, wherein between ~~at least some of the~~ strands and the protective sheath there are provided spacing elements, which spacing elements define an inner continuous cavity adapted to receive a plurality of strands, said cavity having a cross section corresponding to, at least, approximately the total cross section of all the strands, and that each strand is coated on the exterior thereof with sheath of a material having a low friction coefficient, permitting the strands to move longitudinally in relation to one another and independently of each other.

Claim 12: (original) The tension member according to claim 11, wherein the sheath consists of polyethylene or polyurethane.



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